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Dear Students:

President Kelly Urges Support of Democratic Institutions in Greeting

By

JOHN J. KELLY
President

If we are to maintain our democratic institutions, our coming citizens must grow up with the capacity to understand the spirit of our laws and with the desire and the will to obey them. Our public schools and colleges must teach and train to this end. At the same time our schools and colleges must put forth every effort to develop in these young citizens independence, initiative and originality—qualities essential to leadership. As far as may be, each citizen should be prepared for leadership. He may be destined to become a leader in his home, in his club, in his church, in his community, or in the nation. Our nation will progress only as in each community there are thinking men and women awake to every opportunity to improve community and national life.

Responsibility of Schools

The maintenance of the highest standards of government in a democracy is dependent upon the largest possible development in every citizen of those qualities which are essential to following or to leading intelligently. It is necessary then that its citizens think straight and act wisely. The responsibility for equipping the next generation of efficient, democratic citizenship rests heavily upon the schools.

Be Loyal, Be Tolerant, Be Strong

Advises Dean of Women

By

S. ELIZABETH POPE
Dean of Women

A creed for living recently given in an address by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. continued these words: “I believe that every right implies a responsibility, every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.”

Our college offers us rights, opportunities, possessions; can we assume the responsibilities, the obligations, the duties?

Democracy, which gives us so much, asks that we be loyal to country and to the right, that we sacrifice when it is necessary, that we be honest and tolerant, and that we be active in service.

This college of ours is a functioning democracy and demands that each individual contribute with all his might. The United States needs such service now more than ever before. Be loyal, be tolerant, be strong.

DEFENCE MAKES CLASS OF '45 SMALLEST IN RECENT YEARS

"HELLO FRESHMAN"

And just how do you like being a freshman during these deflating initiation weeks? Read ‘Data from the Diary of Doris Freshman’ on page two . . . you will understand how she feels about the whole thing.

Acquaintance Social Fun For All

The annual Acquaintance Social held last Friday evening added another rung in the ladder of successful socials held at the Boyden Gym, according to student officials.

Note cards and incoming freshman were relieved of any shyness whatsoever, and with the aid of upperclassmen, joined with all others in the festivities of the evening. For the upperclassmen, new friendships were made, and old friendships renewed.

Esther Boyden In Charge

Rehearsals were served following the dancing. Esther Boyden was in charge of the affair, and credit is due to Miss Boyden and her committee for the capable manner in which the social was handled.

Miss Crowley Takes Over Vacant Art Position

Miss Mary Crowley, formerly supervisor of art in the town of Agawam, is the newest addition to the faculty of Bridgewater and has taken up her duties as art instructor with Miss Ruth Nutter.

Miss Crowley is filling a position left vacant by the departure of Miss Nye, who is now at Massachusetts School of Art. Miss Crowley is certain to impart helpful knowledge to students here, because of her talent and professional abilities.

T. S. Supervisor Named

Miss Nutter has accepted the post of art supervisor at the Training School and her duties will begin as soon as the trainees have been placed in their classrooms.

M. S. T. C. A. To Hold Fall Meeting Here

The annual conference of the Massachusetts State Teachers College Association will be held Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1, at Bridgewater.

It has been planned to devote most of the time to the elementary curriculum which is in the process of being moderately revised.

Faculties of all Massachusetts Teachers Colleges are expected to attend the conference, as well as some teachers of

Teacher Shortage Aids Graduates

Creation of lucrative defense positions has probably been the direct cause for the decrease in number of students registered at the college for the 1941-1942 school year, according to a survey made among college officials close to the problem.

Approximately 96 women and 15 men comprise the incoming freshman class which is the smallest in recent years. Upper classes have also felt the call of defense work, bearing the heaviest loss of members. Some cases, however, are due to transfer of students to other colleges and liberal arts colleges.

Deferment Proposed

About two-thirds of last year's graduating class of 125 have secured teaching positions with many members still unreported, field reports indicate. This large number of placements, unusual in late years, is largely due, it is said, to the number of students who have chosen to follow into service. Teacher shortage is causing extreme concern in many parts of the country and has led the American Council of Education to propose military deferment for teachers.

Soph-Fresh Social To Come Late

Latest information on the latest Soph-Fresh social is that a tentative date, October 2, has been set. According to Bob Cleven, president of the sophomores, the event is to be just as unique as the fancy of his classmates will allow.

The date is usually earlier, but owing to the uncertainty of initiation activities, it was thought best to extend the date. In the past, this event has always been pleasing and original, and this year's social promises to be a note-the-less fitting introduction of fresh to Bridgewater's social life.

Hedlund, Pothier Head Student N. Y. A. Work

Students seeking N. Y. A. work for the coming school year will have opportunities to do many jobs, according to

NEAL Y. A. Head, Doris Hedlund and George Pothier.

Besides taking members of the faculty, the N. Y. A. students will have ample opportunity to work on the grounds, do painting, carpentry work, painting and many other odd jobs around the campus.

Applications are still being accepted in room 17, and work will begin in the near future.
ANSWERING, 'WHITHER, BRIDGEWATER?'

According to the great number of educational conclaves conducted during the summer recess, greater support is currently given to the important place of education in shaping the life of the whole nation. From this general principle stem nearly all other accepted beliefs. Foremost, of course, is the fact that a college dedicated to preparing teachers necessarily stands in the front line of the struggle for democracy both in and out of peace time. That is an integral part of a teachers college life and pre-eminently a part of Bridgewater because their teachers-in-training are to prepare in turn the children of the country to live and succeed in this democratic nation.

The rich wealth of historic contributions to United States life made by our college is something of which we should all be proud. To look at one contribution: From Civil War to Blitzkrieg, Bridgewater has opened its arms already three score years on the annals of war secure in knowing its sons were in the nation's war forces. And it is significant that the many conflicts of that period were waged fundamentally for that institution of government only under which Bridgewater and like institutions can serve.

It is just this entwining of the threads of government, schools, democracy, and teaching which made such a significant note at nearly every conference on education in the past few months.

Incoming freshmen still have to understand, appreciate and practice this idea expressed familiarly as "education for and in a democracy." To know it and not practice it is disloyalty. More so, as we are slowly realizing, it is treason to that better life we all hope for.

We were, moreover, considerably impressed by a recent seminar. A speaker went a step further cautioning against too narrow an interpretation of the teacher's task. He recited the need of realizing the importance of international mindedness. We must, he said, include that idea into the children we shall teach. While this is no new theory to the educators, it is a new theory to the practitioners. And so, we feel, as Bridgewater begins her one hundred and second year, she should raise her voice more effect­ively than ever before in support of teaching pupils not only how to live in their own democracy but also how to preserve a brotherly respect for other peoples.

If we can begin sending this broader aspect of education's purpose out into the field now through our lecturers, supervisors, trainees, and graduates, we shall be once more actively in the van of democracy's work after this war is over. For most men are coming now to the belief that our country and the British Commonwealth must give up certain of their privileges no longer inherent with either if we are both to form a long-enduring combination based on international friendship to actively secure peace for the world. Our share in these plans must be to prepare for the broader program of international defense than for what is now incorrectly called "national defense." It is only in that way that education gains its full meaning.
Greetings Chums,

And especially to the charming fresh- 
men who are brightening our steps. We 
hope the freshmen realize how fortu- 
nate they are this year in having such a 
desirable class of freshmen. We wish you all the very best in your academic and social pursuits.

We are anxious to see what new 
faces are in this class and what stories 
you have to relate about your summer. 
Some of you have already arrived, and we are looking forward to hearing about your adventures.

Warren Collection Valuable 
Says Head Librarian, Faculty

Acquisition of 336 valuable books from 
the estate of the late Dr. Franklin L. 
Wrenn, Pleasant Street, Bridg- 
erwater, has been announced as the 
gift of his wife by Miss Julia C. Carter, 
librarian of the college.

Many of the books are in rare, 
highly valuable condition, and 
many are first editions. Among 
the valuable books are the fol- 
lowing:

1. "The Pilgrim's Progress" by John 
Bunyan. This is a rare copy, 
estimated to be worth several 
thousand dollars.

2. "The Adventures of Huckleberry 
Finn" by Mark Twain. This is 
also a rare copy, estimated to 
be worth several thousand 
dollars.

3. "The Adventures of Tom 
Sawyer" by Mark Twain. This is 
also a rare copy, estimated to 
be worth several thousand 
dollars.

4. "The Rubaiyat of Omar 
Khayyam" by Edward FitzGerald. 
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5. "The Complete Works of 
Shakespeare". This is a rare 
copy, estimated to be worth 
several thousand dollars.

6. "The Complete Works of 
Ralph Waldo Emerson". This is 
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worth several thousand dollars.

7. "The Complete Works of 
Herman Melville". This is a 
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8. "The Complete Works of 
William Shakespeare". This is 
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9. "The Complete Works of 
James Joyce". This is a rare 
copy, estimated to be worth 
several thousand dollars.

10. "The Complete Works of 
Fyodor Dostoevsky". This is 
a rare copy, estimated to be 
worth several thousand dollars.

These books will be added to the 
college library and will be 
displayed to the students and 
faculty for their reference and 
study. The acquisition of these 
books is a significant contribution 
to the college's library collection.


dated, letter in which she requests to be 
considered for the position of librarian. 
Miss Carter has been a member of 
the faculty for several years and is 
well respected by all.

Thoreau Enthusiasts 
Lectures To Senior Group

Members of Miss Love's senior com- 
pany class recently given an 
talk by Mr. Walter Harding. 
A graduate of this college, 
Mr. Harding is a well-respected 
member of our faculty and 
has been teaching here for several 
years. He is well-known for 
his love of nature and his 
talks on the subject are always 
well-received.

Mr. Harding's talk centered 
around the life and work of 
Henry David Thoreau, one of 
the most important figures 
in American literature. He 
spoke about Thoreau's beliefs 
and philosophy, and how 
his ideas continue to influence 
our culture today.

Mr. Harding is a member of the 
Thoreau Society, and he always 
looks forward to sharing his 
knowledge with the students.

To Do Degree Work

Those who are fortunate enough 
to be in Mr. Harding's class 
will be able to study 
Thoreau's work more closely. 
They will be able to read 
the original texts and 
write papers on their 
findings.

Mr. Harding is a 
valuable resource for 
our students, and we 
are grateful for his 
devotion to teaching.

Chicks, Grandchildren 
Fill Denton's Life

Gone is the hearty hand shake and 
the cheery "hello" which greeted 
returning students to B. T. C. No 
longer will the men be privileged to receive 
only words of wisdom and the 
women an eager and helpful 
spirit. After twenty-three 
years of faithful service 
Edward "Ned" Denton, head custodian, 
has retired to his farm.

College Makes Band

Bridgewater Teachers College gave 
Parley White his first break, revealed 
the bandmaster in a recent interview at 
the Raymond-Flynn room in Bos- 
ton where his band was playing 
that of Harry James. He played his 
first engagement three years ago in the 
Albert Gardner Boyd Gymnasium at 
a Valentine's Dance.

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SCENE ONE: Shifting sands of countless time soon cover and obliterate all traces of athletic heroes. From dust to dust go all the glory boys of every college. In the past four years several extremely proficient men of iron have given their all for the old Alma Mater, but the beautiful quality of our athletic aggregations has been generally green. Sheer instinctual fortitude often had to be relied upon, rather than synchronized power. Soccer had few individual greats, such as Bill Edgar, Jim Savage, and Charlie Shaw. Basketball had its few favorite sons in the gigantic Augustine, the brilliant Sparkles, and octopus Cleary Daly. Baseball records prove the glory of Bounding Bob Van Annan, southpaw Jack Tobin, deadly Larry Pattonelli, jovial Art Applebaum. But now that these few shining stars have disappeared beyond that vast horizon of the past, what do we remember of our college heroes? Neatly summarizing, we tell you that B. T. plays the normer of the cream of the high school athletic crop, but somehow we struggle through in magnificent style. Keep this one fact in mind, you loyal rooters, that no matter what the outcome of your school's team may be they are going to be there standing until that last whistle. The weather, unadulterated school spirit and team morale, Bridgewater to the top.

DAPPER'S DATA: Beginning with soccer, the lads will have a gigantic task ahead of them to turn out smooth units. Almost completely barren of reliable veterans, the squad can boast of only a trio of capable booters. Captain Eddie Cheromcha earned his right to lead this year's unit with his skill and courage last year. He will miss his partner, Al Yurchas, and so will the team. Masistro Meier must inject a rookie into the spot vacated by Yurchas, but with Eddie beside him he should learn quickly the tricks of the trade. Reg Regini seems to be more conscious this year, and his services should prove doubly valuable. Gordon Johnsen has served his apprenticeship in past years, and this year he should be a top-notch kicker. One other lad, the irrepressible socrates, Mike Antone, will be a constant threat to the enemy goalie every second that he is in the ball game. From Johnsen, Yurchas, Antone, and Meier, there is a scarcity of timber for the soccer crew. Freshman talent is just as rare as this year as it has been in the past two or three centuries. There are enough men out for the team so that any vacancies can be filled, but it is going to be a long and difficult process getting them into proper condition. That opening date with American International at Springfield will not prove a trial, because they are the toughest hombres that we face. Dapper does not predict a close game as he did in that first day, but promises that those lads will have a bitter battle on their hands when they play the return engagement here. There is no better place for improvement than upon the actual battleground, and it will take two or three hectic titles to acclimate the red and white warriors to their positions. Off to a slow start, the B. T. logs will get an adequate revenge in their return games.

BASKETBALL BANTER: When the leather spheres are removed from their dusty boxes once again, you'll see several familiar characters cavorting over the hardwood of the gym. There is no shortage of material in this sport. With torsos such as Martin, Contigian, Buck ley, Choromcha, Regini, and a hoot of former players to be a good mixture, the heart of many a basketball fan will begin to glow. Jim and Fred have played three grueling years together and this should be the year of all those old reliables of the indoor sport. Whether or not Altitude Fred is in perfect physical condition, he will be the number one man on the floor. We remember Freddie's starting play of the past season, although he was plagued by injury to foot and back the whole season. Cap Conti gan played superbly after he emerged from his inner difficulty. Supremely confident and patently skilled, these two wares of the hoop will be the nucleus for a fine team. If Buckley improves as rapidly as he did, and he should continue to mellow with passing games, he will be the outstanding defensive player in every sense. Our schedule this year includes a newcomer, Upsala College of Orange, New Jersey. That team will get the full attention of our boys for just one game too long. Away out in that border town, Dapper is predicting and praying for Martin and Company. With the Jention of the Jention with a deeper understanding of basketball, and how it is correctly played.

A. I. C. To Be Given Close Game, October 4

American International, season-open er and the toughest assignment on our scooter schedule, faces a close fight when they play the juggernauts. Mike Meier has indicated after seeing his boys in two weeks of practice which included practice sessions and two short scrimmages. Tentative lineup of the first team has been completed and sees Captain Cheromcha in charge of a speedy team with plenty of spirit which leads student observers to predict a good season ahead.

Star Players Named

Some sources have been surveyed for their opinions of the gridiron. Mike Antone with the result that Regini is considered especially good this year while Gordon Johnson has improved a great deal for his final year of play. Mike Antone is just as good as ever and holds promise of brilliant days ahead. Walter, freshman, who has played three grueling years to- 3rd, will get the full attention of our boys on that slender limb, Dapper is predict ing the team are: Dix, Bagnell, Dzen as to fill the full-back positions.

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SIGNPOSTS from W. A. A.

Dear Freshman Sister:

Now that you are about to start a strenuous, studious year at B. T. C., make up your mind to be a good mixer and a versatile person in every field that B. T. C. puts at your disposal. Since your work for the summer is ever, don't cast yourself into winter lethargy and lose that trim figure. Notice what W. A. A. offers for fall sports. Hockey--A sport rarely duplicated in the out-of-school world. (Invad ing fall weather.)

Golf--Why enumerate the merits of this sport? (Fore)

Biking and Hiking—for all with vim and energy. (W. A. A. has new bikes and many plans for hikes)

Look the list over, choose at least one group and one individual sport, then delve into the matter more deeply. Have a grand year in sports and let us see you on lower campus!

And, for your information, little sis ter, here is the list of our W. A. A. A. secretaries, vice-president, Kay McGlinn, 1st vice-president, Margaret Burns; 2nd vice-president, Les Pearson; correspon dent secretary, Lea Hearn; financial secre tary, Lillian Russell; recording secret ary, Eileen Nolan; treasurer, Nellie Taylor; assistant treasurer, Mary Campbell.

Listed below are the opponents against whom we shall play and the dates when the games will be played. Some sources have been surveyed for fall sports.

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(The all games played on the soccer field behind the Training School.)

M. S. T. C. A. FALL MEETING

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the public schools of the state. Joint committees have been appointed to formulate plans concerning elementary education. Miss Ruth Davis, Director of Training at Bridgewater, is vice-president of the association.

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